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18 from local governments, employers, charitable foundations,
19 private businesses, and other sources so that Florida
20 communities may create local flexible partnerships with
21 employers. The Child Care ~~Executive~~ Partnership Program funds
22 shall be used at the discretion of local communities to ~~meet the~~
23 ~~needs of working parents. A child care purchasing pool shall be~~
24 ~~developed with the state, federal, and local funds to provide~~
25 subsidies to low-income working parents whose family income does
26 not exceed the allowable income for ~~any~~ federally subsidized
27 child care ~~program~~ by establishing child care purchasing pools
28 using state, federal, and local funds with a dollar-for-dollar
29 match from employers, local government, private businesses, and
30 other matching contributions. The funds used from the child care
31 purchasing pool must be used to supplement or extend the use of
32 existing public or private funds for direct services.

33 (2) The Child Care ~~Executive~~ Partnership, staffed by the
34 office, shall consist of a total of five members who represent
35 private sector corporate businesses that are not child care. a
36 ~~representative of the Executive Office of The Governor shall~~
37 appoint three members and the President of the Senate and
38 Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each appoint one
39 member ~~nine members of the corporate or child care community,~~
40 ~~appointed by the Governor.~~

41 (a) Members shall serve for a period of 4 years, ~~except~~
42 ~~that the representative of the Executive Office of the Governor~~
43 ~~shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.~~

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44 (b) The Child Care ~~Executive~~ Partnership shall be chaired
45 by a member chosen by a majority vote and shall meet at least
46 quarterly and at other times upon the call of the chair. The
47 Child Care ~~Executive~~ Partnership may use any method of
48 telecommunications to conduct meetings, including establishing a
49 quorum through telecommunications, only if the public is given
50 proper notice of a telecommunications meeting and reasonable
51 access to observe and, when appropriate, participate.

52 (c) Members shall serve without compensation, but may be
53 reimbursed for per diem and travel expenses in accordance with
54 s. 112.061.

55 (d) The Child Care ~~Executive~~ Partnership shall ~~have all~~
56 ~~the powers and authority, not explicitly prohibited by law,~~
57 ~~necessary to carry out and effectuate the purposes of this~~
58 ~~section, as well as the functions, duties, and responsibilities~~
59 ~~of the partnership, including, but not limited to, the~~
60 ~~following:~~

61 1. Establish funding priorities and make ~~Making~~
62 recommendations to the office regarding allocation of funds to
63 child care purchasing pools concerning the implementation and
64 coordination of the school readiness program.

65 2. Solicit, accept, receive, and invest ~~Soliciting,~~
66 ~~accepting, receiving, investing, and expending~~ funds from public
67 or private sources.

68 3. Approve ~~Contracting with public or private entities as~~
69 ~~necessary.~~

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70 ~~4. Approving an annual budget.~~

71 ~~4.5. Submit~~ Providing a report to the Governor, the
72 Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President of
73 the Senate on or before December 1 of each year documenting the
74 activities specified in this paragraph.

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76 ~~Notwithstanding this subsection, the corporate body politic~~
77 ~~previously established by prior law is the corporate body~~
78 ~~politic for purposes of this section and shall continue in~~
79 ~~existence. All member terms of the existing corporate body~~
80 ~~politic expire as of June 30, 2013, and new members shall be~~
81 ~~appointed beginning July 1, 2013, in accordance with this~~
82 ~~subsection.~~

83 (3) (a) The Legislature shall annually determine the amount
84 of state or federal low-income child care moneys which shall be
85 used to create Child Care ~~Executive~~ Partnership Program child
86 care purchasing pools in counties chosen by the Child Care
87 ~~Executive~~ Partnership provided that at least two of the counties
88 have populations of no more than 300,000. The Legislature shall
89 annually review the effectiveness of the Child Care Partnership
90 in securing contributions from private businesses and the child
91 care purchasing pool program and reevaluate the percentage of
92 additional state or federal funds, if any, which can be used for
93 the program's expansion.

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94 (b) To ensure a seamless service delivery and ease of
95 access for families, the office shall allocate ~~administer~~ the
96 child care purchasing pool funds.

97 (c) The office, ~~in conjunction with the Child Care~~
98 ~~Executive Partnership,~~ shall disburse ~~develop procedures for~~
99 ~~disbursement of funds to~~ through the child care purchasing
100 pools. In order to be considered for funding, an early learning
101 coalition, the Redlands Christian Migrant Association, or the
102 office must commit to:

103 1. Matching the state purchasing pool funds on a dollar-
104 for-dollar basis.

105 2. Expending only those public funds that are matched by
106 employers, private business, except child care providers local
107 government, and other matching contributors who contribute to
108 the purchasing pool. Parents shall also pay a fee, which may not
109 be less than the amount identified in the early learning
110 coalition's or the Redlands Christian Migrant Association's
111 school readiness program sliding fee scale. Funds administered
112 by the Child Care Partnership may not be used to subsidize fees
113 charged to parents.

114 (d) (e) Each participating early learning coalition and the
115 Redlands Christian Migrant Association shall develop a plan for
116 the use of child care purchasing pool funds. The plan must show
117 how many children will be served by the purchasing pool, how
118 many will be new to receiving child care services, and how the

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119 early learning coalition intends to attract new employers and
120 their employees to the program.

121 (4) The office may adopt any rules necessary for the
122 implementation and administration of this section.

123 (5) The office may allocate funds held by the Child Care
124 Partnership before the effective date of this act to prevent
125 disenrollment of children.

126 (6) Effective July 1, 2018, this section is repealed
127 unless reviewed and saved from repeal by reenactment by the
128 Legislature.

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Remove lines 88-90 and insert:

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persons; amending s. 1002.94, F.S.; revising the purpose,

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membership, and duties of the Child Care Executive Partnership;

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providing the Office of Early Learning authority to allocate

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funds held by the partnership; providing for future legislative

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review and repeal of the partnership; requiring the Office of